

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 874 - SB 1255

March 16, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Allows any interested person to file a petition with the court objecting to the child's placement in the custody of the Department of Children's Services (DCS) with a relative of the child. Authorizes the court to order DCS to submit a new permanency plan for the child if the court finds the placement is not in the best interest of the child.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005154): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the caseworker for a child who has been placed in foster care to document any objection to the child's placement with a relative that is made by another relative or other interested party. Requires DCS to include the number of such documented objections to foster care placements in its annual report on foster care.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- It is estimated that DCS can effectively document objections to foster care placements and include such in its annual report utilizing existing resources; any increase in state expenditures to DCS is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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